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SUBJECT: UK-ICELAND FISHERIES DISPUTE

SUMMARY: NO PROGRESS HAS BEEN ACHIEVED IN SYG LUNS' EFFORTS
TO MEDIATE IN THE UK-ICELAND FISHERIES DISPUTE. END SUMMARY.

1. AT OPENING OF AUGUST 30 COUNCIL MEETING DEPUTY SYG PANSA
MADE A REPORT ON SYG LUNS' EFFORTS IN THE UK-ICELAND FISHERIES
DISPUTE. HE STATED CATEGORICALLY THAT TO DATE NO PROGRESS
HAS BEEN ACHIEVED. THE ONLY NEW DEVELOPMENTS TO REPORT WERE
SEPARATE CONVERSATIONS SYG LUNS HAD ON FRIDAY AUGUST 24 WITH
THE ICELANDIC AND UK DELEGATIONS HERE. AS A RESULT OF THESE CON-
VERSATIONS SYG SENT PERSONAL URGENT COMMUNICATIONS TO DOUGLAS
HUME. THE SYG'S OFFICE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT A REPLY IS ON ITS
WAY FROM LONDON.

2. ICELAND PERMREP TOMASSON THANKED THE CHAIRMAN FOR THE REPORT.
HE NOTED PRESS REPORTS OF THE MOST RECENT INCIDENT AT SEA AND
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OF THE FACT THAT AN ICELANDIC SEAMAN DIES IN THE COURSE OF
ATTEMPTING REPAIRS TO AN ICELANDIC CUTTER WHICH HAD BEEN
RAMMED BY A BRITISH TRAWLER.

3. UK REP THOMSON REPEATED HIS GOVERNMENT'S POSITION IN STANDARD TERMS. HE CONFIRMED THAT A REPLY TO THE SYG WAS INDEED ON ITS WAY AND HE EXPRESSED SORROW OVER THE REVENT COLLISION INCIDENT AND "EXTREME SORROW" THAT THERE HAD BEEN A DEATH, ALTHOUGH HE NOTED THAT THIS WAS NOT A "DIRECT" RESULT OF THE INCIDENT.

4. THERE WAS AN INCONCLUSIVE DISCUSSION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT ON JULY 24 WHEN SYG LUNS DISCUSSED THE FISHERIES DISPUTE WITH LORD CARRINGTON IN EDINBURGH LUNS WAS UNDER THE MISAPPREHENSION THAT THE 145 THOUSAND TO FISH CATCH LEVEL HAD BEEN ACHIEVED.

5. BELGIAN PERMREP (DE STAERCKE) DEAN OF THE PERMREPS, EXPRESSED HIS DISTRESS THAT THE SUBJECT OF ICELAND IS BECOMING TOPICAL AGAIN. HE FEARS ON BEHALF OF THE ALLIANCE THAT WE MAY SOON REALIZE THAT ALLIES ARE IMPOTENT IN THIS MATTER AND THAT WE WILL HAVE TO CONCLUDE THAT ALLIES HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO DO ANYTHING TO ASSIST TWO OF ITS MEMBERS TO RESOLVE THEIR DIFFERENCES. RUMSFELD.

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